

# **Catawba County Emergency Medical Services Standard Operating Guidelines**

## Stand-Bys

In an effort to provide quick response to all areas of Catawba County units must routinely stand-by for unmanned areas. This policy explains what units move for stand-by coverage and when.

### **Stand by will initiate when a call is dispatched.**

3-Medic-6 is busy	Hickory Base to Mt. View Area
3-Medic-7 busy	3-Medic-4 to Drum's Crossroads Area
Hickory Base and 3-Medic-2 busy	3-Medic-6 to Mt. View Area
Hickory Base, 3-Medic-6, and 3-Medic-2	3-Medic-3 to Propst Base and 3-Medic-5 to St. Stephens Base
3-Medic-3 and 3-Medic-4 busy	3-Medic-7 to Drum's Crossroads Area
3-Medic-3, 3-Medic-4, and 3-Medic-7 busy	3-Medic-2 to Balls Creek Area
3-Medic-2, 3-Medic-3, 4, and 3-Medic-7 busy	Hickory Base to CVMC and 3-Medic-5 to Drum's Crossroads Area

It is the responsibility of the crew chief to see that the appropriate units are vigilant in their stand-by response.

If all but one unit is busy then that unit will stand by at CVMC. The on-duty supervisor may supersede any of these listed procedures when he/she feels it is necessary.

The EMS Manager, Training Officer, or on-duty Shift Supervisor may request the Catawba County Rescue Squads to staff their bases for back-up ambulance coverage or may request adjacent counties provide stand-by coverage when all EMS units are busy.

The EMS Manager or designee is to be notified anytime all EMS units are busy.

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